Core Services Taxonomy 7.1

Community Consumer Submission (CCS) Consumer Designation Codes

The CCS consumer designation codes for specialized initiatives or projects (consumer designation codes for short) identify consumers who are served in certain specific initiatives or projects; these codes are not service codes *per se*, like 310 is the core services code for Outpatient Services. Consumer designation codes may encompass more than special projects or initiatives.

The component services of these projects or initiatives are included in the appropriate core services and numbers of consumers in these initiatives are counted in the CCS in the following manner. When a consumer is served in any of the following initiatives, the consumer designation code for the initiative will be entered in the type of care file for the consumer.

910 - Discharge Assistance Project (DAP)
915 - Mental Health Child and Adolescent Services Initiative,
916 - Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents in Juvenile Detention Centers
918 - Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT),
919 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), and
920 - Medicaid Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Waiver Services.

Units of service for these initiatives will be recorded and accumulated in the applicable core services associated with the initiative, such as Outpatient, Case Management, Day Treatment/Partial Hospitalization, Rehabilitation/Habilitation, or various Residential Services. Consumer designation code 920 is used only for consumers receiving some or all of their Medicaid MR Home and Community-Based (HCB) Waiver Services from a CSB, directly or through CSB contracts with other agencies or individuals where the CSB remains the provider for Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) purposes. Consumer designation code 920 is not used for a consumer who is enrolled in the MR HCB Waiver, but is receiving HCB Waiver services from another provider that is reimbursed directly by the DMAS, and is receiving only targeted case management, which is not a Waiver service, from the CSB. Additional CCS consumer designation codes may be used to identify consumers involved in special projects and to gather information about those consumers and the services associated with those projects through the special project report function of the Community Consumer Submission. The Department and the VACSB Data Management Committee will designate and approve additional consumer designation codes for such purposes.

Core Services Taxonomy Work Group Commentary

The following comments reflect the deliberations and decisions of the Core Services Taxonomy Work Group and the VACSB Data Management Committee, which developed Taxonomy 7.1. These comments are included for information or historical background purposes.

Peer-provided services are included and reported where they are delivered, for example, in Outpatient, Rehabilitation, or Residential Services, rather than in Consumer-Run Services. Peer-provided services are provided by individuals who identify themselves as having mental illnesses and are receiving or have received mental health services. The primary purpose of peer-provided services is to help others with mental illnesses. Peer-provided services involve partnering with non-peers, such as being hired by community mental health programs in designated peer positions or traditional clinical positions. Peers may serve as recovery coaches, peer counselors, case managers, outreach workers, crisis workers, and residential staff, among other possibilities. Units of service provided by peers in core services should be included with all service units collected and reported through the Community Consumer Submission and the Performance Contract reports in CARS-ACCESS. CSBs will report the numbers of peers they employ in each program area to provide core services. This information will be included in the CARS-ACCESS management reports submitted by CSBs with their fourth quarter Performance Contract reports.